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Personal Intervention by Congressman Lantos Results in Visa for Family Struck by Tragedy

San Mateo, CA - Congressman Tom Lantos (D-San Mateo, San Francisco) announced today that the U.S. Embassy in Lima, Peru, has issued a multiple entry visa for the niece of Carmen Pack of Danville. This was the result of the Congressman's discussions yesterday with U.S. Ambassador to Peru, J. Curtis Strubble, and Consul General David Buentello.

Pamela Perales Chirinos, Carmen's niece in Peru, sought the visa to come to the U.S. to assist the Packs conceive a child through in vitro fertilization. The Pack family lost their two children just one year ago in a tragic hit-and-run accident. Mrs. Pack and her husband Bob have not been able to have another child. The U.S. embassy, prior to the discussions with Congressman Lantos, denied the niece's visa application earlier this year.

This morning, the Congressman received a call from Mr. Buentello informing him that a multiple entry visa valid for one year was issued to Ms. Chirinos today. He added that Ms. Chirinos has been advised that if the visa needs to be extended, she should contact Consular and Immigration Services.

"I am delighted that the embassy has issued this visa," Lantos said. "The humanitarian considerations in this case are overwhelming. This will be a major step in helping the Pack family rebuild their lives. I am very pleased that we succeeded in reversing the initial insensitive and bureaucratic response."

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